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The SPECTATOR.

Connubio Jungam ſtabili—— Virg.

Monday, February 25. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a certain young Woman that love a certain young Man very heartily; and my 'Father and Mother were for it a great 'while, but now they ſay I can do better, 'but I think I cannot. They bid me love him, 'and I cannot unlove him. What muſt I do? 'Speak quickly.

Biddy Dobake.

Dear SPEC. *Feb.* 19. 1712.

'I Have lov'd a Lady entirely for this Year and 'Half, tho' for a great Part of the Time (which has contributed not a little to my Pain) I have been debarred the Liberty of converſing with her. The Grounds of our Difference was this; That when we had enquired into each other's Circumſtances, we found that at our firſt letting out into the World we ſhould owe five hundred Pounds more than her Fortune would pay off. My Eſtate is ſeven hundred Pounds a Year, beſides the Benefit of Tin-Mines. Now, dear SPEC. upon this State of the Caſe, and the Lady's poſitive Declaration that there is ſtill no other Objection, I beg you'll not fail to inſert this, with your Opinion, as ſoon as poſſible, whether this ought to be eſteemed a juſt Cauſe or Impediment why we ſhould not be join'd; and you will for ever oblige

Yours ſincerely,
Dick Loveſick.

'P. S. Sir, if I marry this Lady by the Aſſiſtance of your Opinion, you may expect a Favour for it.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Have the Misfortune to be one of thoſe unhappy Men who are diſtinguiſhed by the Name of diſcarded Lovers; but I am the leſs mortified at my Diſgrace, becauſe the young Lady is one of thoſe Creatures who ſet up for Negligence of Men, are forſooth the moſt rigidly virtuous in the World, and yet their Nicety will permit them, at the Command of Parents, to go to Bed to the moſt utter Stranger that can be propoſed to them. As to me my ſelf, I was introduced by the Father of my Miſtreſs; but find I owe my being at firſt received to a Compariſon of my Eſtate with that of a former Lover, and that I am now in like manner turned off, to give Way to an humble Servant ſtill richer than I am. What makes this Treatment the more extravagant, is, that the young Lady is in the Management of this way of Fraud, and obeys her Father's Orders on theſe Occaſions without any Manner of Reluctance, but does it with the ſame Air that one of your Men of the World would ſignify the Neceſſity of Affairs for turning another out of Office. When I came home laſt Night I found this Letter from my Miſtreſs.

SIR,

"I Hope you will not think it is any manner of "Diſreſpect to your Perſon or Merit, that the "intended Nuptials between us are interrupted. "My Father ſays he has much a better Offer for "me than you can make, and has ordered me to "break off the Treaty between us. If it had pro"ceeded, I ſhould have behaved my ſelf with all "ſuitable Regard to you, but as it is, I beg we "may be Strangers for the Future. Adieu.

Lydia.

'This great Indifference on this Subject, and the 'mercenary Motives for making Alliances, is what 'I think lies naturally before you, and I beg of 'you to give me your Thoughts upon it. My 'Anſwer to *Lydia* was as follows, which I hope 'you will approve; for you are to know the Woman's Family affect a wonderful Eaſe on theſe 'Occaſions, tho' they expect it ſhould be painfully received on the Man's Side.

Madam

"I Have received yours, and knew the Prudence "of your Houſe ſo well, that I always took "Care to be ready to obey your Commands, tho' "they ſhould be to ſee you no more. Pray give "my Service to all the good Family.

'The Opera Subſcrip- *Adieu,*
"tion is full. Clitophon.

Memorandum. *The Cenſor of Marriage to conſider this Letter, and report the common Uſages on ſuch Treaties, with how many Pounds or Acres are generally eſteemed ſufficient Reaſon for preferring a new to an old Pretender; with his Opinion what is proper to be determined in ſuch Caſes for the future.*

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THERE is an elderly Perſon, lately left off 'Buſineſs and ſettled in our Town, in order, 'as he thinks, to retire from the World; but he has 'brought with him ſuch an Inclination to Tale-bearing, that he diſturbs both himſelf and all our 'Neighbourhood. Notwithſtanding this Frailty, 'the honeſt Gentleman is ſo happy as to have no 'Enemy: At the ſame time he has not one Friend 'who will venture to acquaint him with his Weakneſs. It is not to be doubted but if this Failing 'were ſet in a proper Light, he would quickly perceive the Indecency and evil Conſequences of it. 'Now, Sir, this being an Infirmity which I hope 'may be corrected, and knowing that he pays much 'Deference to you, I beg that, when you are at 'Leiſure to give us a Speculation on Goſſiping, you would think of my Neighbour: You 'will hereby oblige ſeveral who will be glad to 'find a Reformation in their grey-haire'd Friend: 'And how becoming will it be for him, inſtead of 'pouring forth Words at all Adventures, to ſet a

'Watch

'Watch before the Door of his Mouth, to refrain 'his *Tongue*, to check its Impetuosity, and guard 'against the Sallies of that *little, pert, forward, busy Person*; which, under a sober Conduct, might 'prove a useful Member of a Society. In Com- 'pliance with whose Intimations, I have taken 'the Liberty to make this Address to you.

I am, SIR,

Your most obscure Servant,

Philanthropos.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Feb.* 16. 1712.

'THIS is to petition you, in Behalf of my self 'and many more of your gentle Readers, 'that at any time when you may have private Rea- 'sons against letting us know what you think 'your self, you would be pleased to pardon us such 'Letters of your Correspondents as seem to be of 'no Use but to the Printer.

'It is further our humble Request, that you 'would substitute Advertisements in the Place of 'such Epistles; and that in order hereunto Mr. '*Buckley* may be authorized to take up of your 'zealous Friend Mr. *Charles Lillie*, any Quantity of 'Words he shall from time to time have occasion 'for.

'The many useful Parts of Knowledge which 'may be communicated to the Publick this Way, 'will, we hope, be a Consideration in Favour of 'your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners, &c.

Note, That particular Regard be had to this Petition; and the Papers marked Letter R may be carefully examined for the future.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality. By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 25th of February, will be presented a Comedy call'd the Rehearsal. By Her Majesty's Command no Persons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

To be shewn this Week, and no more,

Just over-against the Muse-Gate at Charing-Cross these Rarities following; viz. A little Man 3 Foot high and 32 Years of Age, strait and proportion'd every way. The next is his Wife, a little Woman, not 3 Foot high, and 30 Years of Age, who diverts the Company by her extraordinary Dancing, and is now big with Child, and very near her Time, being the least Woman that ever was with Child in Europe: Likewise their little Horse, 2 Foot odd Inches high, which performs several wonderful Actions by the Word of Command, being so small that it's kept in a Box. Next is that wonderful Female Creature having a Head like a Hog, a Satyr from the Coast of Brazil, having a Head like a Child, and of such a wonderful Shape that the like was never seen in England before; with a great many strange and wonderful Creatures, which are too tedious to be mentioned here. And is to be seen from 9 in the Morning till 9 at Night, where due Attendance shall be given.

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